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	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Jukka HELLMAN
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1641
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	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	2328-115
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> ISOLATED OSTEOPROTEOMER FRAGMENTS		

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below and on the following pages. This Amendment is being submitted in response to the December 13, 2001 Final Office Action and the subsequent June 7, 2002 Advisory Action issued by the Examiner. On June 13, 2002, Applicants timely filed a Notice of Appeal. An Appeal Brief was therefore originally due August 13, 2002. A one-month extension of time extending the due date to September 13, 2002 accompanies this Amendment and RCE. Applicants are filing this Amendment and RCE in lieu of an Appeal Brief with the request that the Examiner enter the present Amendment rather than the Amendment After Final that was submitted on May 30, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 25 and 26 as shown on the following pages.

Marked-up sheets of the claims are attached to this Amendment. Inserted material is underlined and deleted material is enclosed within brackets.